

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday July 29th 2007**

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## **Theory Examination**

The results of the theory examination for the Experimenter's Licence held on the 28th of June were issued by ComReg on Tuesday last. Of the 45 candidates who sat the examination 23 passed. Congratulations to all those who passed and we hope to welcome them on the air very soon. We wish those who were unsuccessful the best of luck at a future attempt.

Five examinations have been held since the IRTS took over responsibility for the exam process just over two years ago. In that period 111 candidates have sat the examination and of these 67 were successful. The arrangements negotiated between ComReg and the IRTS for the running of the licence examination are working very smoothly and have at last put the examination process on a firm footing.

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## **Church Broadcasts**

Last week we carried an item telling you that it has now been established that a church broadcast is being transmitted on 28.105 MHz FM in the Dublin area. Some further work is required to identify the Church concerned. Mass is transmitted at 0900, 1000 and 1100 local on Sundays and at 1000 on weekdays. Initial bearings would indicate that the transmissions are originating somewhere on the northside of Dublin.

It would help greatly if bearings on the station from areas such as Blanchardstown, Malahide and the north side generally could be provided, as these would help to further pin down the general area from which the transmission originates. The local Church notices can be of assistance in positively identifying the Church concerned. If you cannot identify the station and you have a beam antenna you could take a bearing on the peak signal from anywhere in the greater Dublin area which in conjunction with similar bearings taken by other stations could help in locating the source of the transmission. Stations located outside Dublin should listen on FM the lower end of the 28 MHz band generally to see if any unauthorised activity is taking place in the band in their areas.

If you hear anything worth reporting you should send a report to Thos Caffrey EI2JD the IRTS Intruder Watch coordinator at QTHR or to “thoscaffrey at hotmail dot com” with a copy to Sean Nolan EI7CD at QTHR or to “ei7cd at gofree dot indigo dot ie”. The report should include date, time, frequency, signal strength, possible location of

station if identified, beam heading in degrees from true north and any other relevant information. If the station is identified from an announcement of local events, details should be given. Should you hear anything, no action should be taken other than forwarding a report as requested.

It is in our own interests to identify any unauthorised activity so as to preserve the exclusive nature of the 28 MHz allocation. The matter has already been reported to ComReg who will act on the matter if we can provide appropriate information.

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### **South Dublin Radio Club**

South Dublin Radio, EI2SDR is closed for the next two weeks. Classes are continuing in two weeks time at SDR. Anyone interested are welcome to attend. Classes run from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Ballyroan Community Centre during the club meeting.

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### **Tipperary Amateur Radio Group**

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place on Thursday next the 2nd of August at 8.00 pm ,All are welcome.

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### **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The next general meeting will take place on Monday the 30th of July at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Waterford. Congratulations to all those on the SEARG theory course who recently passed the test. Anyone requiring help in filling out the application forms are welcome to come along to Mondays meeting where members will be happy to give assistance.

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### **Field Days and Contests**

The 2 metres counties contest will take place on the 26th of August. The SSB field day will take place over the first weekend (1st and 2nd) of September. Again the grounds of Garbally College, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway will be available, thanks to Niall EI4CF and once again the Shannon Basin Club will be hosting their now famous Barbeque. Of course, the big event will be CQIR over the last weekend, so plenty to look forward to.

Please note that the deadline for submission of logs for the VHF/UHF Field Day is the

7th of August.

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### **Foyle and District ARC Rally**

The Foyle and District Rally will take place on Sunday the 4th of November 2007 at the White Horse Hotel, Derry, 3 miles from Derry on the main Limavady Road. Doors open at midday. The club's web address for more information is [www.mn0aku.org.uk](http://www.mn0aku.org.uk)

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Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 or 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to “news at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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